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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8636

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EEWT ENRG VN US

SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON US OIL FIRM CONTACTS WITH HANOI

REF: HONG KONG 050

ESSO MARKETING DIRECTOR IN HONG KONG EDWIN KETCHUM INFORMED CONGEN OFFICER THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CONFIRMATION FROM EXXON VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR FOR ASIA RESIDENT INSINGAPORE THAT NYT ARTICLE ON ALLEGED CONTACT BETWEEN EXXON AND HANOI REPORTED REFTEL WAS "FALSE". EXXON VP NOTED THAT FOREIGN FIRMS SUCH AS SUNNINGDALE (CANADIAN) AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO AMERICAN FIRMS (NO NAMES GIVEN) WERE IN CONTACT WITH DRV BUT THAT EXXON HAD NO CONTACT WHATSOEVER. EXXON VP SPECULATED THAT REPORT WAS PROBABLY BASED ON PROPOSED OIL FIRMS MEETING WITH DRV IN SINGAPORE THAT FRENCH FIRM TRIED TO ORGANIZE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO

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AND WHICH EXXON HAD PLANNED TO ATTEND AS OBSERVER.

MEETING NEVER TOOK PLACE, AND EXXON HAS HAD NO CONTACT  
WITH HANOI. KETCHUM RULED OUT ANY POSSIBLE MEETING  
BETWEEN EXXON AND HANOI WITHOUT EXXON ASIA DIRECTOR'S  
KNOWLEDGE.  
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